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TO: Minerals File *and 5/15/002*
FROM: **Holland Shepherd**, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*
RE: Site Inspection, East Carbon Development Company, ECDC Landfill,
M/007/036, Carbon County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 13, 1992

Time of Inspection: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Conditions: Sunny, warm

Participants: Hank Regulski, Gary Nielson, ECDC; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this site inspection was to evaluate the ECDC Landfill site regarding the complaint that mining was being performed on site without benefit of permit.

My evaluation of the site did not turn up what would be termed mining activity under the Mined Land Reclamation Act, State of Utah. The operator is constructing a large 80 acre landfill disposal cell. Much of the material for construction of that cell is coming from the immediate vicinity of the cell itself. Some borrow material is being collected adjacent to the cell. That material is composed of sand and gravel.

I toured the landfill site with Mr. Gary Nielson, who has contracted with the operator to do quality control inspections as construction is going on. We toured the landfill cell itself, inside and out, and looked at some of the borrow areas that had been constructed to pour material that would be used in constructing this 80 acre cell. The materials being used to construct the cell is coming from onsite; it is not leaving the site; it is not being sold commercially; it is mostly sands and gravel and would therefore, not fall under the definition of mining activities, state of Utah.

We later drove to a clay borrow area that was noticed by Mr. Harold Marsten of ECDC a couple of weeks ago; the notice was hand-delivered to the Division office. The clay borrow area is located some 18 miles southwest of the ECDC site in

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East Carbon. The clay borrow area is located on private ground belonging to Mr. Marsten's family. The site is accessed across state ground. The operator is in the process of obtaining a right-of-way to get into that property to truck out the clay.

Onsite, I ran into the site manager, Mr. Tony Siaperas. The operator is in the process of setting up the crusher and screening apparatus to separate the clays from the gravel and rocks. An area of about an acre and a half has been disturbed at this point in time. The operator has scraped off a foot to two feet of topsoil in places to use in later reclamation. The operator has relocated the original site as indicated in the notice to a different location further away from the river. This new location will prevent degradation to the Price River channel and also allow the operator to reclaim the area in a better fashion as mining progresses.

The operator indicated that the operation will remain under 5 acres for its duration. A substantial amount of clay material does exist on the site. In places the clay ore is about 30 feet in depth. The operator plans to reclaim contemporaneously after extracting what he needs from the clay material.

Mr. Siaperas explained to me that he would like to set up a truck weighing scale on the road that accesses the site. The road is on state ground and a right-of-way must be obtained from State Lands and Forestry in order to utilize that area. I explained to the operator that I will speak with State Lands and Forestry regarding the right-of-way question.

Photos taken during this inspection are available in the file.

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cc: Harold Marsten, operator